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Danahy PTA To Hold "Dad's Night" Jan. 12

The Parent-Teachers Association of Danahy School will hold their annual Fathers' Night Wednesday evening at 8. Mrs. Henry J. Arsenault, Mathematics teacher, will speak on "Modern Math."

A vote will be taken on an amendment to the By-Laws concerning dues.

Recess movies will be starting soon for the benefit of the Phelps Scholarship Fund.

A card party is being planned for the second week of February. Donations of stamp books are requested for prizes and may be sent to the school or given to Mrs. Warren Parker.

Mrs. Robert White, Hospitality chairman, will be assisted by committee members Mrs. Victor Ramah, Mrs. Cyril Hutchins, Mrs. Robert Marcus, Mrs. Joseph Caramazza and Mrs. Bernard Harniak.

Career Conferences At High School

The Guidance Director David Skolnick of the Agawam High School announces the Career Conferences to be held at 8 in the school auditorium during the month of January.

January 7—"Wilson College" with guest speaker Miss E. G. Warner, Director of Admissions, Chambersburg, Pa.

January 12—"Western New England College" Mr. Rae J. Malcolm, Director of Admissions, Springfield, as guest speaker.

January 18—"Holyoke Community College" with Mr. John Mazaika, Director of Admissions, Holyoke.

January 26—"Ward School of Business" Mr. Arthur Ward, Director, Worcester, will be guest speaker.

The conferences are open to all students and the faculty.

VWWI Joint Installation Sunday

The Veterans of World War One will hold their installation of officers for the coming year in St. Anthony Hall on Springfield St., this Sunday afternoon at 2.

The installing officer will be Albin Paleczynski assisted by the Barrack's District Installing Team.

Mrs. Jennie Miller with her installing team will install the ladies.

Orville S. Bart is chairman of the Installation Committee and will also act as Master of Ceremonies.

The public is cordially invited. Refreshments will be served.

Yule Baskets and Gifts



Pictured above with a few of the gifts that were distributed are at left Mrs. Edith C. Larsen, of the Agawam Clearing House, and Mrs. Jane Nunn, a social worker.

Many children in Agawam were made very happy at Christmas with toys donated by the Lions Club and Junior Chamber of Commerce as well as other organizations. Food baskets were

distributed to all needy families through donations by various civic and social groups.

The Agawam Clearing House is most grateful for the generous support of these groups.

DeForge And Alvigini To Head Local March of Dimes Drive

Robert DeForge, acting postmaster of Agawam Center Post Office and Julio Alvigini, acting postmaster of the Feeding Hills Post Office, will direct the local 1966 March of Dimes campaign against birth defects in Hampden County, Thomas J. Ashe, general chairman, announced today.

"We're highly pleased that so many of our prominent civic and social leaders have accepted positions of responsibility for the March of Dimes campaign this January," said Mr. Ashe.

"I know that they are just as concerned as I am about the terrible toll taken by these afflictions. Some 250,000 American babies are born each year with ser-

ious defects. Birth defects also cause twice as many deaths annually as does cancer, when prenatal loss is included."

Mr. Ashe pointed out that despite the magnitude of the problem, important progress is being made through the March of Dimes—supported research in the development of new tests for PKU and galactosemia, inborn errors of metabolism, which can cause severe mental retardation if not discovered and treated soon after birth.

In addition, March of Dimes funds go to support more than 50 hospital-affiliated centers where teams of medical experts provide

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Junior Grange Luncheon Jan. 8

Community Junior Grange No. 105 will meet on the second and fourth Saturdays in January due to the New Year's Holiday. On the 8th the meeting will start at 12:30 p.m. with a "dues-paying" luncheon.

At this time dues for 1966 are paid and the new secret word is received. This is in charge of Douglas Favreau and Carol Goodwin assisted by some of the Honorary Members from the subordinate Grange.

Following the business meeting which will be conducted by the officers, a New Year's Program and Skit will be presented by the lecturer, Richard Allen.

Reservations are being received by this committee: Mrs. Earl Bradway, Mrs. William Vigneaux, Mrs. Herbert Binns.

VWWI CARD PARTY WINNERS

The second game of the present series of Whist Parties sponsored by the Veterans of World War One, was held in the Agawam National Guard Armory on Maynard St. last Wednesday evening. Door prizes were awarded to Ralph Stetson, Jessie Barrett, Gladys Cortes and Evelyn Miller.

Mystery prizes were awarded to Ruth Cusson, Emma Piacenza and Mildred Cole. Ace prizes were won by Evelyn Miller for the ladies and Thomas Anderson for the men.

The following were awarded prizes for play: Ladies—1st Julia Capeless, 2nd Ida Gillette, 3rd Viola Thayer, 4th Dorothy Webb; Men—1st Edward Lancour, 2nd George Pierce, 3rd Chester Gillette and 4th Thomas Anderson.

David Skolnick To Be South PTA Guest Speaker Wed.

The South Elementary School Parent Teachers Association will hold their January meeting on Wednesday evening the 12th at 8 in the school auditorium.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Mr. David Skolnick, Guidance Director at the Agawam High School. Mr. Skolnick's subject will be "Scholarships" and at a time when a college education has become so important, a knowledge of the help that is available would be a definite advantage to all parents.

Immediately following the meeting refreshments will be served. Third grade mothers

serving on the hospitality committee will be Mrs. Soverow, Mrs. Della Guistina, Mrs. Sessions and Mrs. Manischalehi.

Mr. Skolnick is a graduate of the Winthrop Public Schools and the University of Massachusetts



DAVID SKOLNICK

and attended on Graduate Level, Cornell University, Westfield State College, American International College, Springfield College and Northeastern University. He is an active member of the Administrative Management Society, Massachusetts Psychologist Association, Massachusetts School Counselor Association, American Association of Clinical Counselors, Child Study Association of America, National Education Association, American and New England Personnel and Guidance Association, Agawam Teachers, Hampden County Teachers and Massachusetts Teachers Associations.

Stumbler Squares Dance Saturday

The Stumbler Square Dance Club of Feeding Hills invite all western style square dancers to their Jan. 8 dance at Granger School featuring guest caller, Red McCain. Refreshments will be served at intermission.

FREE FUN NIGHT for adult couples interested in western style square dancing will be held Jan. 10, 8 p.m., Sacred Heart Church Hall, Williams St. A series of 21 lessons will follow on Monday evenings. Bud Flebotte, club caller, will be the instructor.

At the club's annual meeting the following were elected to serve as officers for the coming year: Co-Presidents, Earl and Pauline George; Vice-Presidents, Bob and Verna Finley, Secretaries, Ernie and Dot Brusseau; Treasurers, Jim and Marilyn Loomis; Publicity, George and Helen Liptak; Co-ordinators, Tom and Jean Murray; Banner Committee, Joe and Terry Consiglio.

Friendly Squares Dance Saturday

The Friendly Squares Western Square Dance Club will hold an "all hash" night on Saturday evening at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Wilbraham Rd., Springfield.

Dana Blood will be the caller and all adult square dancers are welcome.

Harrington To Tour Far East In Spring

Clayton Francis Harrington, Jr., has been selected as one of 43 Cornell University Glee Club members who will participate in a 12-week concert tour of Europe and the Far East next spring.

The 10-nation tour is being sponsored by the Office of Cultural Presentations of the U. S. State Department.

A senior in the College of Arts and Sciences, Harrington is a government major and plans to do graduate work in law and business.

He has studied voice and plays the trumpet and piano. Harrington,



CLAYTON F. HARRINGTON

ton, a tenor, has sung with the glee club at Cornell for three years.

Active in athletics, Harrington has played on the lacrosse team and has managed the freshman swimming team. He is also a member of the Chess Club and Young Republicans.

Harrington has worked for the past four summers as a forest ranger in Granville State Forest, Granville, Mass. He was part of a party which included police, bloodhounds and National Guardsmen that searched for four days in vain trying to find a lost woman. He is a holder of the Boy Scouts' "God and Country Award," and has earned the life rank.

Harrington is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton F. Harrington, Sr., of 771 Suffolk St., Agawam.

Gridiron Mothers Meet Monday

The Gridiron Mothers will meet Monday the 10th at the Agawam High School cafeteria. The meeting will start promptly at 8:30 p.m. Final arrangements will be made for the annual Football Banquet to be held Jan. 29.

CHURCH NEWS

Agawam Methodist Church

Granger School—temporarily
Rev. Kenneth Thornton, Minister
Mrs. Herbert Binns, Organist
Mrs. Marshall Keyes,
Sr. Choir Director
Mrs. Ronald Ashton,
Jr. Choir Director

Friday — 3:30 p.m. Junior
Choir practice at 22 Briarcliff
Dr.; 6:15 p.m. Bowling teams at
West Side; 7 p.m. Sanctuary
Choir practice at 46 Kensington
St. (This week only on this day).

Sunday—Church School ses-
sions for Nursery Toddlers
through Sixth Grade at Granger
Elementary School; Worship
service at Granger Elementary
School. Nursery for infants. Sac-
rament of the Lord's Supper will
be observed on this First Sunday
After Epiphany.

Monday—7:30 p.m. Lay lead-
ers meet at parsonage.

Tuesday — 7:30 p.m. Church
School Teachers meeting at 244
South West St.

Wednesday—7 p.m. Sanctuary
Choir practice at 46 Kensington
St.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Benjamin Lockhart, Pastor
Mrs. Frank Merchant, Organist
and Choir Director
Mrs. Barbara Briggs, Church
Secretary

Thursday—6:30 p.m. Choralier
Choir rehearse at church; 8 p.m.
Senior Choir rehearse at church;
home meetings for the discussion
of the by-laws will be held in
the homes of Mr. and Mrs. John
Magovern and Mr. and Mrs.
Darcy Davis.

Saturday — 11 a.m. Melody
Choir rehearse at church.

Sunday—9 and 11:10 a.m.—
Two Morning Worship Services
...Rev. Lockhart will preach at
both worship services. Celestial
Choir sing first service and Sen-
ior Choir sing second service.

Monday—Sunshine Circle meet-
ing.

Tuesday—Celestial Choir re-
hearse at church.

Wednesday—10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
and 7 to 9 p.m. Trading Post
open; 7 p.m. ABC Bell Ringers
rehearse at church; 7:30 p.m.
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Minister of Music

Friday — 7 p.m. Boy Scouts
meeting; 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary
Choir rehearse; 8 p.m. Square
dance.

Saturday—8:45 a.m. Interme-
diate Choir rehearsal; 9:30 a.m.
Junior Choir.

Sunday — 9 a.m. Church at
Morning Worship, Rev. C. Bryan,
preaching, and Church School
Classes, Nursery-Grade 6; 10 a.m.
Church School Classes, Grades 7-
12 and Adult Bible Class; 11 a.m.
Church at Morning Worship, Rev.
Bryan, preaching, and Church
School Classes, Nursery-Grade 6.

Monday — 7:30 p.m. Deacons
meeting; 8 p.m. Friendly Work-
ers.

Tuesday—6:30 p.m. Senior High
Choir rehearsal.

FEEDING HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

21 North Westfield St.
Rev. Arthur N. Sweeney, Pastor
Mrs. Frederick Nardi, Organist

Thursday — 6 p.m. Cherub
Choir organizational meeting;
6:25 p.m. Youth Choir rehearse;
7 p.m. Senior Choir rehearse.

Friday—7:30 p.m. Board of
Stewardship and Missions will
convene in the Spear Room.

Saturday—10 a.m. Christian
Education conference at Emman-
uel United Church of Christ,
Springfield; 3:30 p.m. Church
School teachers and staff meet-
ing.

Sunday — 9:30 a.m. Church
School; 11 a.m. Worship Service
...Sermon topic "The Second
Commandment"; 5:15 p.m. Jun-
ior High Pilgrim Fellowship
meeting...topic "The Meaning
of Prayer"; 6:45 p.m. Confirma-
tion class for Senior High in the
Pastor's study.

Monday—7:30 p.m. Board of
Deacons and Deaconesses meet-
ing.

Tuesday—7:30 p.m. The Nom-
inating Committee meeting.

ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. John S. Tyler, Vicar
Feast of Epiphany Services
Thursday—9 a.m. Feast of the
Epiphany—Holy Communion; 7
p.m. Boy Scouts, parish hall; 7:30
p.m. Holy Communion.

Friday—3:15 p.m. Junior choir
practice; 7 p.m. Boys' athletic
program.

Saturday—9:30 a.m. Confirma-
tion instruction.

Sunday—8 a.m. Holy Commu-
nion; 10 a.m. Matins and Ser-
mon; 7 p.m. Evening Prayer and
Youth Fellowship.

Monday—7 p.m. Confirmation
instruction; 3 p.m. Girl Scouts
meet in parish hall; 8 p.m.
Church school teachers meet.

New Library Books

Miss Frances E. Sanford, head librarian announces the follow-
ing new books are now available at the Agawam Public Libraries:
ADULT FICTION

Ballard, WillisGold in California!
Birkley, DolanThe Unloved
Borgenicht, MiriamTo Borrow Trouble
Chamberlain, WilliamMatt Quarterhill, Rifleman
Fleming, IanThe Man With the Golden Gun
Gallico, PaulMrs. 'Arris Goes to Parliament
Gordon, NoahThe Rabbi
LeCarre, JohnThe Looking Glass War
Lofts, NorahHow Far to Bethlehem?
Luddecke, Werner J.Thursday At Dawn
McBain, Ed.He Who Hesitates
Moore, RobinThe Green Berets
Roffman, JanA Penny For the Guy
Sarton, MayMrs. Stevens Hears the Mermaids Singing
Schmitt, GladysElectra
Siller, VanA Complete Stranger
Simmel, Johannes M.It Can't Always Be Caviar
Stone, IrvingThose Who Love
Waugh, HillaryGirl On The Run
West, Morris L.The Ambassador

ADULT NON-FICTION

American HeritageHistory of World War I
Bondi, HermannRelativity and Common Sense, A new
Approach To Einstein
Bottecher, Helmuth M.Wonder Drugs, A History of Antibiotics
Callwood, JuneLove, Hate, Fear, Anger and the Other
Lively Emotions
Campbell, Thora HegstadBuffet Party Recipes
Cannon, PoppyThe Frozen-Foods Cookbook
Cotton, BruceNever Call Retreat
DeFore, PennyWith All My Love
D'Haucourt, GenevieveLife in the Middle Ages
Floyd, WayneDecorating With Photographs
Hoy, DavidPsychic and Other ESP Party Games
Kampen, IreneEurope Without George
Lawson, DonFamous American Political Families
Leishman, Thomas L.The Bible Handbook
Lewis, FloraRed Pawn
Montgomery, RuthA Gift of Prophecy; The Phenomenal
Jeane Dixon
Mulgrew, PeterI Hold the Heights
Murray, JimThe Best of Jim Murray
Paar, JackThree On A Toothbrush
Perry-Miller, MitziClean Plates: Cooking for Young Children
Sheen, Fulton John, Bp.The Power of Love
Teale, EdwinWandering Through Winter
Tharp, Louise HallMrs. Jack

Wednesday—7:30 p.m. Adult
choir practice.

Thursday, Feast of the Epi-
phany, in commemoration of the
visit of the Wisemen to the Christ
Child, and their giving of gifts,
parishioners will exchange gifts
with one another on this day.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

Rev. Dominic A. Ruscetta,
CPS Rector.

Friday—4:5:30 p.m. and 7:30
and 9 p.m. confessions.

Mass Schedule

Sundays: 7, 8:30, 10:30 a.m.
Weekdays: 7 a.m.
Tuesday—7:30 p.m. St. An-
thony Devotions.

VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

Rev. Frank E. Dunn, Minister
Mrs. Hazel Prior, Choir Director
Mrs. John MacPherson, Organist
Mrs. Richard Orr,
Church Secretary

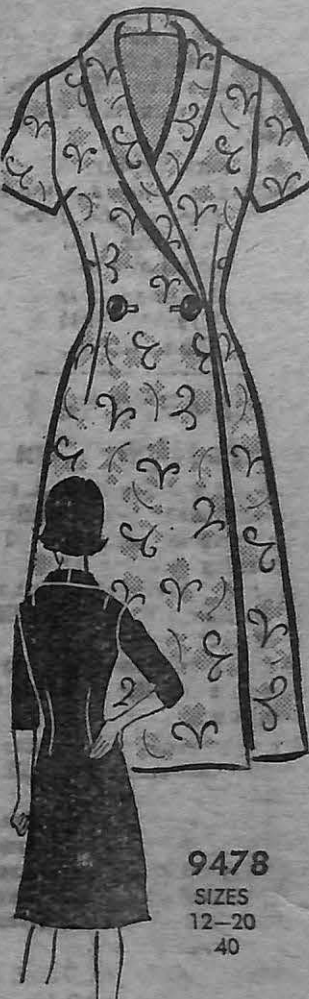
Sunday—10 a.m. Worship Ser-
vice at Old Storowton Church,
West Springfield, Eastern States
Exposition grounds... Sunday
School classes in session.

Reflector Plates in '67

Boston
Massachusetts car owners will
get reflectorized registration
plates in 1967. Authorization for
the new five-year plates is con-
tained in a law signed by Gov.
John A. Volpe. Its passage was
sought by the Governor and Rich-
ard E. McLaughlin, state regis-
trar of motor vehicles.

The same law empowers the
registrar to issue so-called "van-
ity" plates to motorists willing
to pay a \$9 a year extra charge
for them. The plates may contain
up to six letters or a total of six
letters and figures of the car own-
er's choice. Holders of reserved
low-numbered plates will have to
pay \$2 above the regular \$6 reg-
istration to retain such plates,
starting in 1967.

Printed Pattern



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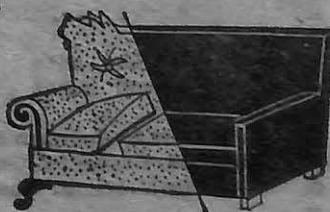
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YOU AND YOUR INSURANCE

(A public service column about property and casualty insurance)
by KENNETH S. RAFFOL

Insurance Covering Damage Caused by Rioters Is Readily Available

The calm, evening routine of your city suddenly explodes with the frenzied fury of mob violence and your place of business is left a shambles. Can such a loss be covered by insurance?

Returning home after your vacation trip, you open your front door to find the shattered remains of an orgy of destruction—juvenile vandals have wreaked havoc in your home. Does insurance pay for this type of damage?

In both cases, the answer would be yes.

Property losses resulting from civil commotion, riot and vandalism generally are covered under standard homeowners, farmowners and commercial property package insurance policies.

For the storekeeper, riot and civil commotion protection is available under a variety of insurance contracts including the extended coverage endorsement normally written with fire insurance policies. While the endorsement primarily covers damage caused by windsorm, hail and other natural catastrophes, it also pays for direct losses resulting from pillage and looting occurring as the result of a riot.

Similarly, the insured homeowner and farmowner are protected against financial losses of this sort through the extended coverage endorsement ordinarily attached to standard fire insurance policies and included in the homeowners and farmowners package policies.

Automobiles damaged by "riots and civil commotion" and by vandalism are also covered under the comprehensive insurance provisions of standard automobile policies.

This column will be glad to



KENNETH RAFFOL

answer questions you may have about property or casualty insurance. Send them to The Agawam Independent, marked to the attention of Kenneth S. Raffol.

Bill of Rights Stamp

Washington

The Post Office Department plans to issue a five-cent stamp next July commemorating the 175th anniversary of the ratification of the American Bill of Rights.

Florida members of Congress were informed by Postmaster General Lawrence F. O'Brien that the stamp will be put on sale July 1, 1966, at Miami Beach, Fla.

The issuance at Miami Beach will be in connection with the annual convention of the National Education Association.

Western Bank Opens First W. S. Branch

WEST SPRINGFIELD—Western Bank and Trust Co. has opened its first branch bank at 1000 Riverdale St., West Springfield, William A. Franks, Jr., executive vice-president and treasurer, said.

"Our bank is happy to become a part of the Riverdale business complex, which is perhaps one of the most dynamic business areas in Western Massachusetts," Franks said. "We also consider a branch operation quite a milestone, coming as it does less than four years after Western Bank was organized."

Reinhardt Associates was architect and engineer for the bank, which features a colonial decor and is electrically heated. The new Western Bank branch will offer full banking services, including night depository facilities. There is a large parking area and drive-up banking facilities are included.

Alfred J. Fabbri, who joined the bank early this year, has been named branch manager, Franks said, and Miss Patricia Lloyd and David Ramsdell will be branch tellers. Mrs. Edward Schell will be receptionist-secretary.

Branch hours will be the same as those at the main bank at 11 Central St.: Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Western Bank, which will observe its fourth anniversary in June, now has 19 employees and its total assets are \$4,250,000. Franks said he is confident that assets will total \$5,000,000 by the time of Western Bank's fourth birthday.

The bank's directors recently declared Western Bank's first dividend, a payment of 10 cents per share on the 28,000 shares outstanding, payable Jan. 18 to holders of record Dec. 31.

Franks also estimated that earnings for the full 1965 year will be approximately \$1.65 per share on 28,000 shares, compared with 95 cents per share on the 20,000 outstanding a year ago. The additional shares were offered in September and were pur-

chased by the present stockholders.

James H. Buckley, Jr., Springfield insurance official, is chairman of the board and president of the bank, and Milton R. Ber- man, president of Yale Genton Clothes, is vice-president. Other officers are: Gerard E. Drapeau and Robert S. Rider, assistant treasurers; Donald F. Collins, secretary, and Joan Bilodeau, auditor.

Machines Replaced

Chantilly, Va.

Humans have won a small victory over automation at Dulles International Airport here. The airport serves Washington, D.C.

Two machines that issued tick-

ets and admitted cars to the parking lot outside the big terminal building have been quietly spirited away and replaced by men.

Principal reason: The automatic arms had a bad habit of locking in the down position and keeping hurrying, plane-bound travelers from entering the lot. Or sometimes they locked in the up position and let customers in without giving them the time-stamped ticket that determines the fee paid when the car leaves.

Auxiliary reason: The machines weren't worth a hoot at answering questions and giving directions.

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ROAD EQUIPMENT



By Edith LaFrancis

In the pre-automobile days, January snow storms brought out heavy snow rollers such as this to work on the highways. There was no need to scrape the road clear of every bit of snow; just pack it down and slide over it. The roller made a firm smooth surface for the runners of sleighs, punks, cutters and heavy-duty sleds which hauled logs and freight.

On the level stretches, four horses could pull the rollers but twice as many were often needed on the hills.

Anyone so "modern" as to own an auto in those days, jacked it up on blocks in the barn for the winter and took the tires in the house, where they remained until after the mud dried up in the spring.

Satellite Stamps

A stamp honoring the Canadian satellite, Alouette II, is to be issued Jan. 5, 1966, according to the Montreal Star.

The Alouette II was launched into an almost perfect orbit Nov. 28 from Vandenberg Air Force base in California after three postponements.

Both Alouette II and Alouette I, still in orbit after 38 months, were designed to investigate the top of the ionosphere. The two Canadian satellites are

the first of a series of five to be launched in the next few years by Canada's Defense Research Board in cooperation with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in the United States.

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ROUTE 5

Friday, Jan. 7 — Alexander Ave., Barry, Belmont Ave., Briarcliffe Dr., Bristol Dr., Carol Ave., Churchill Ave., Fox Farms Rd., Hamilton Cir., New York Ave., North Street Ext., North West, North Westfield, Overlook Dr., Parkview Dr., Pine, Pleasant Dr., Richmond Ave., Roosevelt Ave., South West, South Westfield, Southwick, Strawberry Hill Rd., Sunset Ter. and Thalia Dr.

ROUTE 6

Monday, Jan. 10 — DePalma, Doane Ave., Edgewater Rd., Franklin Street Ext., Garden, Gunn-Gerry Lane, Memorial Dr., Mountainview, Phil, Poplar, Porter Dr., Shoemaker Lane, Silver, Silver Lake Dr., Suffield and Vадnais St.

ROUTE 7

Tuesday, Jan. 11 — Althea Cir., Anthony, Belle, Centre, Clematis Dr., Colonial Ave., Cooper, Elsie, Fairview, Federal Ave., Federal, Federal Street Ext., Harvey Johnson Dr., Karen Dr., Ley, Poinsetta, Potomac Pl., Prince Lane, Reed, Samuel, Senator Ave., Stanley Pl., Valentine, Valentine Street Ext., Vernon, Virginia, Washington, Westford Cir. and Woodside Dr.

ROUTE 8

Wednesday, Jan. 12 — Adams, Allen, Birchill Rd., Carr Ave., Cosgrove Ave., Elm, Emerson, Haskell, Henshaw Ave., Kanawa Ave., Lealand Ave., Main, Mardale Ave., Nile Ave., Oxford, Parker, Perry Lane, Raymond Cir., Ridge Ave., Riverside Ave., Riverview Ave., Ruskin Ave., South, South Park Ter., Stewart Lane, Sunnyslope Ave., Thirlmere Ave., Veranda Ave., Woodcliffe Ave. and Wright St.

ROUTE 9

Thursday, Jan. 13 — Albert, Alhambra Cir., Barney, Central, Corey, Editha Ave., Edward, Elbert Rd., Ellison Ave., Frank, Hunt, James Ave., John, Joseph, Kirkland, Liberty Ave., Maple Ave., Meadow, Meadow Ave., Monroe, Pomeroy, River Rd., School, Seymour Ave., Sterling Rd., Sunrise Ter., Willard Ave. and Wyman Ave.

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TODAY'S AGRI-FACT

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Wednesday: Frankfurt on roll, homemade baked beans, cabbage carrot salad, peanut butter honey sandwich, cherry crisp, milk.

Thursday: Orange juice, hamburger on roll, potato chips, buttered carrots, apricot upside down cake w/ topping, milk.

Friday: Macaroni w/ tomato cheese sauce, buttered green beans, Italian roll w/ butter, fruit cocktail, peanut butter cookie, milk.

JUNIOR HIGH

Monday: hamburger and gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, white cake w/ chocolate, bread/butter, milk.

Tuesday: Juice, grinders (sliced meat, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes), pickles, potato chips, fruit cup, milk.

Wednesday: Juice, hamburger on bun, candied sweet potatoes, peanut butter sandwiches, fruit cup, milk.

Thursday: Juice, shell macaroni in meat sauce, cabbage carrot salad, bread/butter, pineapple chunks, milk.

Friday: Orange juice, tuna fish salad on bun, buttered green beans, peanut butter sandwiches w/ cookies, milk.

DANAHY

Monday: Citrus juice, hamburger in buttered roll, catsup, buttered green beans, applesauce cake w/ topping, milk.

Tuesday: Shell macaroni w/ meat and tomato sauce, beet salad, rye bread/butter, cheese wedge, apricots, milk.

Wednesday: Orange juice, chicken noodle soup w/ vegetables, meat sandwiches or peanut butter jam sandwiches, cherry square, milk.

Thursday: Homemade baked beans w/ frankfurts, cabbage pineapple salad, bread/butter, fruit cup, milk.

Friday: Orange juice, mashed potatoes, fish sticks w/ catsup, tossed salad, peanut butter jam sandwich, butterscotch pudding w/ topping, milk.

GRANGER

Monday: Orange juice, grilled hamburger on buttered roll, relish and catsup, onion rings, cheese cube, whole kernel corn, applesauce, milk.

Tuesday: Oven friend chicken, mashed potato, buttered broccoli, bread/butter, pears, milk.

Wednesday: Fruit juice, meat ravioli w/ meat tomato sauce, buttered green beans, peanut butter jelly sandwich, fruit square, milk.

Thursday: Grape juice, cold cut grinders (sliced meat, lettuce, tomato), potato chips, cheese finger, buttered carrots, chocolate pudding w/ topping, milk.

Friday: Fish sticks, home fried potatoes, 7 minute cabbage, peanut butter sandwich, pumpkin pie, milk.

PEIRCE

Monday: Beef-vegetable stew, cheese muffins or peanut butter sandwich, carrot sticks, pineapple tidbits, milk.

Tuesday: Meat balls in tomato sauce, steamed rice, buttered peas, peanut butter sandwich, peaches, milk.

Wednesday: Hot turkey sandwich w/ brown gravy, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, pears, milk.

Thursday: ravioli w/ tomato sauce, buttered green beans, cheese or peanut butter sandwich, blueberry cake w/ topping, milk.

Friday: Grape punch, tuna sail boats, cole slaw w/ grated carrots, sweet red cherries, milk.

PHELPS

Monday: Juice, baked beans and frankfurt rings, tossed green salad, bread/butter, pineapple tidbits, milk.

Tuesday: Baked macaroni and hamburger w/ tomato sauce, cabbage and carrot salad, bread/butter, ears/prunes, milk.

Wednesday: Citrus juice, beef stew w/ potatoes, vegetables, bread/butter, apple, milk.

Thursday: Oven fried chicken, buttered noodles, buttered corn/peas, bread/butter, orange wedges, milk.

Friday: Tuna casserole, cole slaw, peanut butter sandwich, applesauce, milk.

ROBINSON

Monday: Spaghetti w/ meat tomato sauce, buttered green beans, bread/butter, sliced pineapple, milk.

Tuesday: Juice, hamburger on buttered roll, relish and catsup, ripe olives, buttered carrots, Mary Ann squares, milk.

Wednesday: Roast beef w/ gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered spinach, bread/butter, fruit cup, milk.

Thursday: Chicken noodle soup w/ vegetables, chicken salad or peanut butter sandwich, celery sticks, fresh fruit, cookies, milk.

Friday: Orange juice, tuna fish sandwich, peanut butter sandwich, potato chips, tossed green salad w/ tomatoes, cherry crisp, milk.

SOUTH

Monday: Citrus juice, scrambled hamburger w/ gravy, mashed potatoes, Harvard beets w/ orange sauce, buttered pan biscuit, chocolate pudding w/ topping, milk.

Tuesday: Orange juice, grilled hamburger on buttered roll, buttered carrots, prune spice cake, milk.

Wednesday: Citrus juice, chicken noodle soup w/ vegetables, chicken salad on rye bread, celery sticks, oatmeal cookie, apple, milk.

Thursday: Baked macaroni w/ meat tomato sauce, A.B.C. salad, ripe olives, peanut butter honey on rye bread, cherry cake w/ topping, milk.

Friday: Orange juice, tuna salad roll, cheese sticks, buttered green beans, apple crisp, milk.

A man who recently taught his wife to drive is extremely proud of his pupil. He says, she has developed a new driving maneuver—the O-turn. It's for the kind of women who start a U-turn, but change their minds.

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At last night's meeting of the Agawam Lions Club, the victorious high school football team was honored and treated to fine entertainment. Coach Harry Leonardi and his squad appreciated this invitation for the second time to break bread with the Lions, and promised to continue to be champions for some time to come. The Club has already donated funds to help purchase jackets.

Henry McGowan made a trip last week to Ashburnham to present our former member, Percy Fletcher, with a basket of English goodies as a gift of club members at their Christmas party. He is feeling pretty good and is enjoying residence in the nursing home. He sent his kindest regards to all his Agawam friends.

Ronnie Atwater has left the hospital and is recuperating very well.

The next regular meeting will be Jan. 19, and the Board of Directors will meet next week for their monthly meeting.

May the New Year be kind and generous to all.

Leonard A. Fredette In Victory Express

24TH INFANTRY DIV., Germany (AHTNG) — Army Pfc Leonard H. Fredette, son of Leonard A. Fredette of 68 North Alhambra Circle, Agawam, and other members of the 32d Signal Battalion attached to the 24th Infantry Division participated in Exercise Victory Express, a nine-day field training exercise in Germany, ending Dec. 17.

The exercise covers 1600 square miles and includes more than 25,000 men and 6000 vehicles. Elements of the 3d Infantry Division Brigade are acting as aggressor forces, probing for weaknesses in the 24th Infantry Division defense under simulated combat conditions.

Fredette is participating in weapons firing and various defensive maneuvers as part of a program to maintain the year-round combat effectiveness of his unit.

The 19-year-old soldier is a radio relay and carrier operator in the battalion's Company B near Frankfurt. He entered the Army in September, 1964, and completed basic training at Fort Dix, N. J.

Fredette attended Agawam High School.

L. White Aboard CGC Chincoteague

USCGC CHINCOTEAGUE (WAVP-375) (FHTNC) — Fireman Apprentice Lyman F. White, Jr., USCG, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman F. White, Sr., of 20 Royal St., Agawam, is currently deployed to Ocean Station "Delta" aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Chincoteague, operating out of Norfolk, Va.

As an ocean station vessel the cutter rotates with other cutters, standing monthly watches at sea performing a multipurpose task.

On station as part of the U. S. contribution to the International Civil Aviation Organization, the vessel collects weather data for use by transoceanic flights, and provides a navigational check-point for aircraft by confirming



OLYMPIC Gold Medal and U.S.A. jersey worn in 1960 victory over the Russians in famed hockey game is shown to H. P. Hood by Capt. Jack Kirrane as they discussed plans for H. P. Hood and Sons \$10,000 grant to support the Eastern Olympics and help build new hockey champion for next Olympics.

positions through radar "fixes" and sending radio beacon navigational signals.

Her other duties include scientific studies of the ocean, which includes taking water samples, wave measurements and collecting samples of microscopic plant

life for the Coast Guard Oceanographic Unit in Washington, D. C.

"Keeping away from the mire is better than washing it off." Frank Bridges, The Smithville (Tex.) Times.

My Beat — A.H.S.

Jo-Ann Della-Giustina

As the new year begins, AHS students are returning to school and to their books. It is now that seniors are applying to colleges... juniors thinking about what college they want to attend, and all students are thinking seriously about their marks. A program at Agawam High to help students decide what career they want and what college they want to attend is titled "Career Conferences." Tomorrow, one of these conferences will be held. Miss Elizabeth B. Warner, Director of Admissions at Wilson College, will speak to any girl who is interested in attending this four-year women's college located in Chambersburg, Pa. Wednesday, Rae Malcolm, Director of Admissions at Western New England College, will be at Agawam High to discuss this co-ed college, that offers business administration and engineering as courses. Western New England has recently been nationally accredited.

FTA Visits West Side

Last Tuesday, the members of Agawam High Future Teachers of America Club attended the West Side FTA meeting, which was a panel discussion.

AHS Sports

Tomorrow, both an AHS basketball game and an AHS hockey game will be played. Opposing our basketball team will be the Enfield team in a game to be played in Enfield. Holyoke will play our hockey team at 7 p.m. at the Coliseum... See you at both games!!

COMING EVENTS—Saturday morning at Agawam High, seniors will take College Boards! Good luck, seniors!!...

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'Nobody Keeps Score'

Thousands of curious people, some eager, others not so sure, will fasten boots and snap on skis this winter for the first time.

These novices will come in all sizes and shapes, colorfully bundled in everything from Bogner to blue jeans. They will step off into uncertainty, groping, probing — hopefully in the direction of the nearest ski school.

Many will be school children in special midweek classes. Others will be parents, many coaxed to the slopes by these modern-day youngsters who know a good thing. There will be secretaries, college students, clerks, stock brokers, housewives, machinists. You name it, they'll be there.

PICK YOUR OWN SPEED

What is it about skiing which is drawing more and more people to the mountains each year? What is it that has boomed this winter pastime into the snowballing, multimillion-dollar industry it is today?

"They love it," offers Egon Zimmermann, "because nobody keeps score. How many other sports are there," asks this former Austrian Olympian, "in which you don't have to compete? If you bowl, you keep a score. You play golf, you count strokes. You play tennis, you play to win.

"In skiing," says the director of the Gunstock, N. H., ski school, "you pick your own speed. Once you know the fundamentals and can turn and stop, it is as relaxing or as tiring as you care to make it."

It's true. Ask anyone who has ever done a snowplow turn.

Skiers love the snow because it offers a refreshing release. It is an escape from the workaday competitive world into a purifying, invigorating wonderland of quiet, frosted beauty.

ALMOST LIKE FLYING

There is grace and rhythm in skiing. In a way it must be something akin to flying, to come sweeping down a mountainside, the wind in your face, the sun tinting your cheeks.

You breathe deeply and the scent of pine convinces you there is no more enthralling place or moment.

True, at most ski areas there are long weekend lift lines and other assorted wintertime discomforts which compete with this entirely rosy picture. But then patience and some sacrifice are to be expected in most sports.

Maybe that's why the skier never seems to remember the inconvenience—just the best snow, the sunshine, and those crisp parallel turns.

YMCA Record Hops To Resume This Weekend

The Agawam Community YMCA will resume its regular record hops this weekend after a two week suspension of the program due to school vacations and the holiday season. Both dances this weekend will be of the "Sock and Sweater" variety with the usual high standards of dress being relaxed.

Friday night, a Junior High School Hop will be held at the South Street School from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Moltenbrey will be the supervisors.

Saturday night, the Senior High Hop will be held at the Robinson Park School from 8 to 11 p.m. Jack Moltenbrey and Harry Leonardi will be supervisors. Bill Catelotti and Jay Amaral will be disc-jockeys for both dances.

Moltenbrey announced that a completely new public address system and record player has been acquired for the dances due

to the efforts of two youth groups at the "Y". This past summer, the Summer Fun Club and the Co-ed Club conducted several projects to raise money for new "Y" equipment. When the regular public address system wore out the group voted to replace it with a new one. Moltenbrey expressed his appreciation to the two groups for their efforts in helping the Agawam YMCA acquire and maintain the best in equipment for its many community programs.

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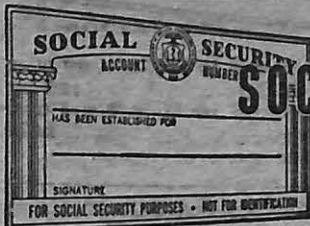


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Which Twin Is The Safer Driver?



The one on the left is safer. Actually, the same model posed for both pictures. Nevertheless, as a nighttime driver she confronts greater danger. Night traffic death rates are two-and-one-half times greater than in daytime, based on vehicle miles. Darkness means danger, light saves lives, says the Street and Highway Safety Lighting Bureau in urging better lighting for dangerous locations on streets and highways.



SOCIAL SECURITY

Questions and Answers

Q. My father died in November 1964. My youngest sister is 19 and plans to go to Memphis State University this fall. Can she receive social security benefits?

A. Yes. Since your father was insured under social security, your sister can qualify if she has not married.

Q. I am 79. Am I too old to apply for social security disability insurance benefits?

A. Yes. Disability benefits can be paid only to people who become disabled before 65. Retirement benefits are paid instead of disability benefits after 65.

Q. I will be 60 in November. My husband was getting disability benefits when he died last year. When can I apply for reduced benefits as a widow?

A. You can apply now, but benefits won't be paid until November when you reach 60.

Q. My widow's benefit was stopped when I remarried last year. My new husband is not receiving social security benefits so I don't get any benefits now. Can I requalify as a widow under the new law?

A. Yes. However, you will need to file a new application.

Q. I would like to know if a widow can qualify for benefits if she and her husband were not living together at the time he died.

A. Yes, if the widow is 60 or over, and her deceased husband had worked under social security long enough to be insured.

Q. How will the financing of the supplementary medical insurance work?

A. People enrolling in the medical insurance benefit program will pay a \$3 monthly premium, which is matched by the Federal

Government. These premium payments will be placed in a separate supplementary medical insurance trust fund and the money will be used only for medical insurance benefit payments.

Q. I am 68 years old and have been receiving social security for several years. Because of an injury I had to quit my part-time job. Can I receive disability benefits?

A. No. Disability insurance benefits are not paid after 65.

Q. Is my 63-year-old mother, who receives wife's benefits, eligible for hospital insurance benefits?

A. No. Hospital insurance benefits start at 65.

Q. Is it true that I can earn up to 1500 this year without losing any of my social security checks?

A. Absolutely not. During 1965 you can earn \$1200 without having any benefits withheld. However, beginning in 1966 you can earn as much as \$1500 and still get all your benefits.

Q. I am 67 and receive widow's benefits. Will this qualify me for hospital insurance benefits?

A. Yes. You qualify as a beneficiary who is at least 65. It makes no difference whether you get payments as a retired worker, wife or widow.

Q. I have been getting disability benefits for 3 years. Do I qualify for hospital insurance benefits under the new law?

A. No. You must be at least 65.

Q. I am a retired worker, age 66. My wife receives a reduced benefit since she is only 63. Can we both qualify for health insurance benefits?

A. Only you can qualify. Your wife must wait until she is 65.

Q. I will be 65 in November of next year. Will I be able to qualify for hospital insurance benefits when it starts in July 1966?

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The winter months present an interesting situation. This is a period for the big fish, notably "ol' bucketmouth," to be predominate in the day's catch.

Cold weather that generally causes fishing passions to ebb similarly affects aquatic dwellers, state the fishing folks at Mercury outboards. But for some unknown reason, they add, lunkers delay going dormant as long as waters remain open.

Meanwhile, their smaller and younger cousins have lapsed into a winter coma and are no longer around to interfere with the offerings of the serious angler.

For winter fishing the assistance of a guide is almost a necessity. Fish congregate in fairly small areas that are difficult to locate, so that an intimate knowledge of local waters is mandatory.

In the best lakes, usually the big man-made impoundments, you'll have to fish at extreme depths. Often the upper levels are around 30 feet, but may vary down to 60 and below.

The action is decidedly slow. Usually a lead-head jig with either pork rind eel or plastic worm is recommended. This combo is inched along the bottom at a barely perceptible crawl. Snagged lures and strikes are often difficult to distinguish, and the loss of tackle is unavoidable.

When you do raise a fish, you can be certain there are more in that same spot, state the Mercury guys, so stick around for awhile.

If winter fishing sounds like a lot of hard, cold work, it is. But the resulting trophy mounted over the fireplace can be worth the effort.

A. No. You cannot qualify until you are 65, which will not be until November 1966.

Q. My son received social security benefits until April 1964 when he was 18. He dropped out of school in May 1964. If he starts back to school, can his payments be resumed?

A. Yes, if he is not married. However, his payments will not begin until the month he starts back to school as a full-time student.

Q. My only son and I receive social security payments. He will be 18 in November. Will he continue to get benefits if he stays in school?

A. Yes. However, your payments as a widow will stop as you are not yet 60 and will not have a child under 18 or a disabled child in your care.

Q. I received a lump-sum death payment when my husband died. I didn't get any monthly checks because we had no children. I am 63 years old but have never applied because I didn't want my payments reduced. How does the new law affect me?

A. You should apply for benefits immediately. Even under the old law, you could get widow's benefits at 62 in the full amount.

Q. I am a retired worker and will not be 62 until next year. Can I qualify for payments under the new law?

A. No. You must wait until you are 62. Only those women who qualify for widow's benefits can get benefits at 60.

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Children's Christmas Party
Commander Doug Sperry has extended his thanks to Chairman Bud Dearborn and his family for the fine job they did on the Christmas Party for Post Child-

ren, as well as members of the committee who assisted him. Thanks also goes to those who raised the money for this affair.

Leeds Christmas Party
The Post was represented at the Leeds Christmas Party by Commander Sperry, Tom Whalen, Charles Gracie and Earl Bovat.

Dig Those Crazy Coifs Of Yesteryear!

NEW YORK—Women do not dress their hair to please men.

Women will do the most ludicrous—even lethal—things for fashionable hair.

Men have been as silly as women over hairstyles.

Most coiffures of today have their historic counterparts.

These are a few of the conclusions forced upon Richard Corson after the personable young actor and monologist spent three years traveling through Europe and the United States gathering material for a book "Fashions in Hair."

He had planned it as a slight volume to help theatrical producers get authenticity into their historical hairdos, a sort of companion piece to his "Stage Make-up," which is considered a definitive text on the subject. But he got so fascinated by his research he ended up with a 701-page book and 3000 illustrations.

The 18th century was the wildest for women, says the Illinois-born actor. "The precursor of the modern beehive developed then, and they were teasing hair, although they didn't call it that."

The enormous and preposterous headdresses, built into towering structures solidified by the use of pomatum and powder, sometimes went three months without being washed.

"There is a horrible prescription for what they called 'opening the head.' When the mass of hair was broken open, little vermin ran out," Corson says.

Of course, he points out, there was that news story in 1962 which told about the Ohio school-girl who didn't comb her teased, spray-plastered bouffant hair for several weeks and then found a thriving nest of cockroaches.

All sorts of events and spectacles of the day were reproduced on top of the hair in the 18th century — naval engagements, gardens, of the royal palace, meadows with sheep.

Marie Antoinette had to dismantle her hairdo to get into a carriage, and then reassemble it again when she arrived at her destination.

One obliging soul invented a hairdo that collapsed when a spring was pressed and came up again when the lady had dismounted from the carriage and was ready to make an entrance.

None of the other absurdities women wore through the centuries went over with the men. Obviously, Corson says, women were dressing their hair to vie with each other.

They took tremendous risks, too. "All through history women have been discouraged by their own hair color and have gone through terrible things dyeing it.

In the 16th century the Venetian women sat by the hour in so-

lariums with their hair stretched out over great hats to bleach it. So much hot sun sometimes made them very ill," Corson says.

"In the 17th century they used concoctions that made their hair fall out. Some contained lye. Directions for the use of another said 'Put hair in solution until it smokes.'

"In the 18th century they enameled their faces with lead makeup and a lot died from it."

But lest men point a finger, Corson ticks off a few examples of masculine vanity:

Marble busts had detachable wigs so they could always be in style.

A German burgermeister was proud of his long beard that he had to loop over his arm as he walked. He tripped over the eight-foot object of pride one day and broke his neck. The beard is still in a museum.

So many 17th century men were wearing love-locks—a lock hanging to waist and tied with bow at the end—the clergy got terrible disturbed and railed from the pulpit.

When there weren't enough hairdressers to go around, hair had to be done the day before a big event. British soldiers slept face down so as not to disturb their freshly set hairdos in the 18th century.

So many of today's fashionable coiffures go back to antiquity, says Corson; even the Beatles'. He cites third century B. C. Etruscan boys' locks for proof.

And through the years men have worn hair so long the clergy has complained about that too. In the 17th century, for example, two books on "The Loathsomeness of Long Hair," became quite popular.

Corson says the best reasoning for today's long hair on men came from a lad he met in Europe. "My girl wears her hair short," said the boy, "so I wear mine long because I don't want to look like a girl."—J. Miller

Maine Job Corps

Washington

A \$6.3 million Job Corps training project for 1,000 women at Poland Spring, Maine, has been announced by the Office of Economic Opportunity.

It will be the largest women's training program in the country, according to Rep. William D. Hathaway (D) of Maine.

Establishment of the center at the Poland Spring Hotel received the approval of Gov. John H. Reed of Maine. The project is designed for the education and job skill training of women between 16 and 21.

The trainees will take basic

education courses and will receive training designed to fit them for jobs.



By Mary Whitman

Collecting coins by dates has become the most popular form of numismatics in recent years, with the advent of coin boards and folders.

Until recently, U. S. coins were dated by the year. For special reasons, the federal government is now empowered to continue a date for several years, if it so chooses.

Our system of dating coins can be traced back to 15th century England, points out Ken Bressett, numismatic editor at Whitman Publishing Company, Racine, Wis.

During that period, a privy, or secret mark was placed on each coin as a guard against counterfeiting. Since there were many mints operating in England, this was the only way the government could determine where each coin was made. In later years, the privy mark evolved into the numerical date we use today.

However, this coin dating system is only one of many in use throughout the world, continues Bressett, whose firm is the nation's leading numismatic publisher.

Ancient coins usually were dated on the basis of a king's reign and this practice is carried on today by some nations, notably Japan. The current year on Japanese coins is 40, dating from the start of Emperor Hirohito's reign.

Other modern nations such as the Republic of China date their coins from the founding of the republic. Coins of the Islamic world use the Mohammedan cycle for dating, which started in our year 622 A. D.

Coins as far back as the 2nd century B. C. carried dates, says Bressett. One interesting Roman coin from the Julius Caesar era is dated with his age, rather than from the founding of Rome.

"Nearly every country has a different system of dating coins," continues Bressett. "And a numismatist who is looking for a different type of collection might consider one showing various dating systems used around the world." All coin dating systems are explained in Whitman's *A Catalog of Modern World Coins*.

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The Veterans Administration today warned veterans and dependents of deceased veterans on VA nonservice-connected pension rolls they run the risk of having their monthly payments discontinued if they fail to return the income questionnaire forms mailed with the November checks.

They may even have to pay back the money received in 1965, VA said. They must be returned by Jan. 31, 1966.

The VA is required by law to

obtain this income report each year because pensions are paid only to those whose incomes from other sources are below certain limits.

The VA asks that the card not be folded or mutilated because it must run through automatic data processing machines.

Assistance in completing the questionnaires may be obtained at the VA Office, 1 Beacon St., Boston, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The AMA And Medicare

July 1, 1966, the controversial medicare law will go into effect. It will provide payment for certain medical services to 18 million Americans who have passed the age of 65. As everyone knows, this measure was strongly opposed by the American Medical Association—for the reason that a great majority of the nation's physicians believe that it seriously endangers the quality of care that will be available.

Government officials, sensing the problems that lie ahead, invited the AMA to help write the regulations that will govern medicare. The AMA accepted. The Association's president, James Z. Appel, M.D., has said: "I feel... that the only statesman-like and rational behavior of our Association today, after the enactment of this law which we so strongly opposed, is to try—in the most effective way possible—to bring about regulations and other implementing actions that will mitigate the baneful effects that we know are likely to occur... this law is certain to be one of the most difficult administrative problems in history unless the doctors of the nation exert their utmost efforts to help make it work."

The AMA, Dr. Appel went on to say, must offer amendments which will gradually mold the law in a sounder direction. And, he added, preparation must be made for the next and more crucial battle over the means of financing the health care of the entire population.

The AMA's position is progressive and sound. The flaws that are implicit in medicare must be corrected. And the fight against more political domination of medicine, at the expense of standards, must be intensified.

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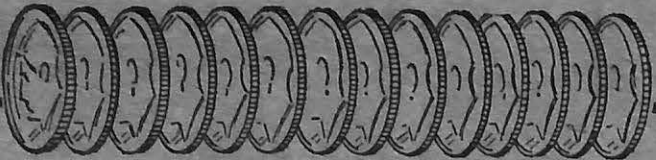
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